

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 18 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 18 Oct 2023 at 03:59 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very unsettled, windy weather over the next few days with some very wet conditions on Thursday. Low for Saturday onwards.

Headline for Wednesday 18 Oct 2023: Very strong, gusty winds. Mainly cloudy and dry, some rain at first.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 Oct 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

Medium Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
60%	30%	10%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 18 Oct 2023

Weather: Wednesday will be mainly cloudy with some rain around in the morning but this clearing by midday then some brightness in the afternoon. Very windy and gusty conditions, especially on high summits and ridges.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in south, 70% in north.

Low Cloud and visibility: Occasional cloud above 700 or 800m, mainly affecting the Trossachs and up into Glen Coe. Low cloud more patchy the further north you go. Otherwise, generally good visibility but a haze will obscure more distant hills.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	60/73 SE	63/77 SE	57/73 SE	51/66 SE	56/73 SE	57/74 E	56/72 E
900	43/56 SE	46/60 SE	43/59 SE	42/59 SE	44/62 SE	45/64 SE	45/63 SE
600	49/59 SE	57/70 SE	51/68 SE	45/66 SE	49/69 SE	52/73 SE	50/69 SE
300	31/47 E	38/55 SE	36/55 E	35/55 E	32/52 E	31/50 E	26/43 E
Glen	5/11 E	10/19 NE	12/23 E	11/23 NE	22/35 NE	24/39 NE	23/39 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	1/-9	1/-9	2/-8	2/-7	2/-7	1/-8	1/-8
900	4/-4	4/-4	5/-2	5/-2	4/-4	4/-4	4/-4
600	14/6	14/6	14/6	14/6	14/5	13/5	10/4
300	9/4	9/4	10/5	10/5	9/4	9/4	9/5
Glen	9/8	11/9	13/10	13/11	11/7	11/7	11/7
Freezing Level*	1700m	2100m	2200m	2300m	2500m	2500m	2500m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Very strong winds developing above 600m by the afternoon with gusts of 70 to 90mph on the tops making progress almost impossible. Beware of sudden gusts on sheltered lee slopes at times.

Forecast for Thursday 19 Oct 2023

Weather: Rain arriving into the south overnight and spread in north through the morning. The rain will become continuous and heavy, especially in the south over Ben Lomond and Trossachs and down to Arran with some flooding likely in places. Strong winds and heavy rain will make conditions very difficult.

Maximum wind: East or Southeast 40 to 50mph gusts 70 to 80mph, easing gradually through the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor for most of the day in heavy rain with cloud extensive above 500 or 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 11C rising to 13C.
At 800m: Plus 7C.
Freezing level: Above summits.